

REMARKS

Please reconsider this present application in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Note that this reply is replaces the non-compliant amendment filed November 24, 2003, and, accordingly, the amendments are made with respect to the status of the claims as they were at the issuance of the restriction requirement dated October 24, 2003.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone conference held on January 29, 2004.

At the outset, Applicant respectfully requests that the Attorney Docket No. 10122.005001 be included on all future correspondence.

Applicant elects Species B as shown in Figure 9, on which claims 1-3, and 14-19 read, without traverse for continued prosecution. Claims 1-3, 14-16, and 18-19 are considered generic to Species A and B.

Further, Applicant elects Species I as shown in Figure 2, on which claims 1-3, and 14-19 read, without traverse for continued prosecution. Claims 1-3, 14-16, and 18-19 are considered generic to Species I, II, II, IV, and V.


Non-elected claims 4-13 have been canceled in this reply without prejudice or disclaimer. Also, claim 1 has been amended in this reply to clarify the present invention recited. This amendment is fully supported by the specification and no new matter has been entered. This amendment was not made in view of prior art.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at

the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits,
to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 10122.005001).

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